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SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR POLICE TRAINING

1. COMMISSIONER ERVIN WALKER, SECOND IN COMMAND OF SURINAM
NATIONAL POLICE, CALLED ON ME SEPT. 5 TO DISCUSS FOLLOWING:

A. POSSIBILITY OF PROVIDING SCHOLARSHIPS TO POLICE TRAINING
ACADEMY IN WASHINGTON. WALKER EXPRESSED CONCERN THAT NATIONAL
POLICE FORCE UNABLE KEEP ABREAST OF LATEST TECHNIQUES,
PARTICULARLY IN COMMUNITY RELATIONS FIELD, AND THAT THIS OF
INCREASING IMPORTANCE IN VIEW RISING CRIME RATE AND LESSENING
OF RESPECT FOR AUTHORITY. HE ASSERTED NETHERLANDS ANTILLES
POLICE HAS RECEIVED EIGHT SCHOLARSHIPS TO POLICE ACADEMY.

B. STATUS OF TWO SCHOLARSHIPS HE SAID LEGAL ATTACHE AT
CARACAS OFFERED FEW YEARS AGO TO FBI ACADEMY. ARE THESE
STILL AVAILABLE?

C. POSSIBILITY OF EXPERIENCED POLICE INSPECTOR, WHO DEPARTING
NEXT WEEK TO VISIT RELATIVES IN UNITED STATES FOR SEVERAL
MONTHS, ATTENDING A COURSE IN BOMB DETECTION AND DISPOSAL
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AT POLICE ACADEMY, ASSUMING COURSE EXISTS AND TIMING CAN BE

WORKED OUT WHILE INSPECTOR ON LEAVE. IF TUITION CANNOT BE
WAIVED, WALKER INDICATED GOS WOULD PAY FEE.

2. COMMENT AND ACTION REQUESTED: SURINAM POLICE HAS FAIRLY
GOOD REPUTATION FOR EFFICIENCY WITHIN LIMITS ITS SIZE AND
LOW BUDGET. IT HAS NOT BEEN UNDULY POLITICIZED AND PRESERVATION
AND IMPROVEMENT OF ITS PROFESSIONAL STANDING WOULD WORK AGAINST
SUCH INFLUENCE WHICH LIKELY INCREASE WITH INDEPENDENCE. IF,
AS WALKER ASSERTS, NETHERLANDS ANTILLES POLICE HAVE RECIEVED
SCHOLARSHIPS TO ACADEMY, LOCAL FORCE WOULD APPEAR EQUALLY
ELIGIBLE FOR LIMITED NUMBER OF SCHOLARSHIPS CONSONANT WITH
LOW U.S. POSTURE HERE. WOULD APPRECIATE HAVING DEPT. COMMENTS
ON PROSPECTS FOR THIS. I HAVE GIVEN WALKER NO ENCOURAGEMENT
ON SCHOLARSHIPS AND RECOMMENDED HE SUGGEST TO HIS MINISTER
DUTCH BE APPROACHED ON EXPANDED POLICE TRAINING ASSISTANCE.

3. WALKER'S PROPOSAL REGARDING BOMB DETECTION IS REASONABLE
AND IN OUR INTERESTS. CONGEN HAS BEEN PROMISED COOPERATION
OF DUTCH ARMY BOMB DISPOSAL SQUAD IN CONTEXT POSSIBLE TERRORIST
ACTION AGAINST POST. SQUAD WILL PRESUMABLY BE WITHDRAWN WITH
DUTCH GARRISON LATE 1975 WHEN INDEPENDENCE SCHEDULED. RECOMMEND
DEPT. INVESTIGATE POSSIBILITY OF PLACING VACATIONING INSPECTOR
IN EARLY FALL CLASS, WAIVING FEES IF THIS CAN BE ARRANGED.

FOR CARACAS: APPRECIATE RESPONSE ON AVAILABILITY FBI SCHOLARSHIPS
WALKER MENTIONS.
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